

HOW LONG BEFORE WE ARE HUNGRY STRIKE MAY CAUSE FOOD SHORTAGE

Wholesale Dealers Differ as to Length of Time "El Paso Can Live On Its Own Fat"—One Dealer Says El Paso Will Be Fed as Long As Army Is Fed—All Predict Higher Prices Strike or No Strike.

"How long can El Paso live on its own fat in case of a railroad strike?"

Answers to this question, which was propounded to a number of El Paso provision and produce men, placed the hunger limit at periods ranging from two days to two months.

Some of the more pessimistic prognosticators went so far as to say that strike or no strike, in 60 days the poorer people of the city will be able to buy only enough for a bare existence. Freight rates were largely blamed for the continuous rise in the prices of necessities.

"There are 48 hours, rations now in El Paso," said a leading merchandise broker. "In two or three days after a strike was called, the city would be facing hunger. Staple foodstuffs, such as beans, flour and potatoes, will go up from 25 to 50 percent, and many of the people will have to go without them."

Public is Up Against It. "Even if the men get what they ask for, the public will be up against it. The railroads will raise their rates, and the people will have to pay for it dearly. Necessities are already high in El Paso because of the high freight rates, accentuated by the fact that the city is somewhat out of the way, and the supplies have a long way to travel."

What can be raised in the valley amounts only to a handful. As it is now, shipments are five or six days late. It must be remembered that we would have to feed a population of about 120,000 or more, including the soldiers. It wouldn't be a bad idea for any household to lay by a store of supplies enough to last five or six days.

Food Schedule. The following schedule was prepared by a local wholesale and retail grocer as indicating the length of time that the food supply now in El Paso could hold out:

Fresh meat, 48 hours.
Fruits, vegetables, butter and eggs, three days.
Provisions (ham, bacon and other salted meats), one week.
Flour, ten days.
Canned goods, 15 days.

"In 20 days," said this dealer, "the strike would reduce the people of this country into a condition similar to that of Germany at the present time, when it would be necessary for the government to take charge of the food distribution."

"I believe that president Wilson is correct in his position that the railway officials and workers could be impressed into service, on the theory of a pressing national need. If the constitution prohibits such an act, let's amend the constitution. The framers of that document could not foresee the present situation. Dire straits call for heroic measures."

Prices Availing. Prices have gone up most of the wholesalers agree. One of them pointed out that canned salmon has undergone a boost of 20 cents a dozen cans over last year's price, with the result that

"10 cent salmon" will be an impossibility in a very short time. The price of even the cheapest brand will have to be raised to 15 cents a can, dealers say. Another merchant reports that 12 years ago, a certain national brand of hard sold for 20 cents for a 10 pound can. The present price of the same brand is \$1 for a five pound can, or more than double the former price. Ten years ago, he says, a particular brand of flour cost \$1.25 per 50 pound sack, but the same brand now brings \$1.25 per 34 pound sack.

Investment Doubled. "From a dealer's standpoint, double the investment is now necessary in order to go into the grocery business, and the margin profit is smaller than it was 12 years ago."

According to one veteran wholesaler, however, there is "no need for hysteria over the situation." The present food supply of El Paso can hold out for two months, he declares. His declaration, however, represents the extreme minority view.

"Yes, it's true that a lot of people are buying in a big supply of food, but there is no need for all this frenzy," he said. "El Paso has ample supplies in its warehouses."

"In the first place, I do not think that there will be any strike. I don't believe that the men will go to that extreme."

Don't Overstock. Another wholesale dealer declared that as long as the United States army on the border was fed, and it would be fed as long as it was here, there would be no need for El Paso people to worry about going hungry. He admitted that prices might go up, although he cited prices of commodities which had not yet advanced and might fall. But

SCHOOL BELLS TO RING FRIDAY

Schools to Open on Sept. 1; High School Is Not Yet Ready; to Use Gary.

School bells would ring Friday morning if the El Paso school buildings had any bells. Since they have not, the janitors will ring the old dinner bells to call the children to their studies that have been used since Maury Kemp and Dr. E. H. Ervin went to school.

School will start at 8:30 Friday morning for the fall term. There will be no classes on this day, but the children will receive their book lists and schedules and will be dismissed for the remainder of the day. The new high school building is not yet sufficiently completed to permit classes to be held in it and the high school and junior high school will not convene until September 11. As Monday is Labor day

and a legal holiday, there will be no school on that day.

The modified Gary system of instruction and playground work will again be used in the San Jacinto, Bailey, Aoy, Alta Vista, Villas, Lamar and Franklin schools. With the exception of the Franklin school, which will have Gary for the first time this year, the other schools had this system last year.

The old high school building, which is to be renamed soon, will be used by the Sunset school organization and all pupils who have been attending the Sunset school in the past or live in that district have been instructed by Supt. R. J. Tiche to report at the old high school Friday morning for assignments. At the Villas, Bailey, old high school and the Lamar school the grades taught will include those from the first through the sixth. In order to prevent overcrowding in these schools it has been necessary to transfer the seventh and eighth grades to the new high school. At Highland Park, Alta Vista and the schools on the south side, the same grades will be taught as were last year.

Kindergarten Schools. Schools will open at 8:30 in the morning and close at 2:30 in the afternoon.

At the beginning of this school session kindergartens will be taught in the Sunset building, Bailey, Lamar and San Jacinto. Later a kindergarten will be opened at Alta Vista.

ALVIN SHEFFY, 17, DIES AT PLAINVIEW FROM MULE'S KICK

Plainview, Tex., Aug. 29.—Alvin Sheffy, the 17-year-old son of W. B. Sheffy, who lives six miles south of Plainview, who was kicked by a mule while hauling feed Monday, died Tuesday night at 3 o'clock. His body will be buried this afternoon. The Sheffy family has lived on the plains many years.

TRASH FIRES AND FALSE ALARMS KEEP FIREMEN BUSY

Trash fires in an alley behind 517 South Ochoa and in the yard at 213 Chihuahua street, were extinguished by the fire department within an hour of each other Tuesday afternoon, one occurring shortly after 5 o'clock and the other at 6:02. The first fire was extinguished with the aid of a bucket of water. Small damage was done to the fence at the 213 Chihuahua street blaze, which originated in a barrel of trash.

Earlier in the afternoon the East El Paso and Alta Vista departments had a call to 2021 East San Antonio street, which proved to be a false alarm. Smoke coming out of the forge of a blacksmith shop, caused the alarm.

WOMAN TO DRIVE JITNE. El Paso's first licensed woman chauffeur was granted license Tuesday by city clerk Dawson. She is Mrs. Alice Seale, who will drive a jitne bus on the park line.

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stunning feather turbans, and cute little close fitting hats with mammoth veils. The trimmings consist of beaded ornaments, fancy pins, curious jetted profile birds, metal and iridescent birds, spiders, beetles, owls, gaura, aigrettes, ostrich fringes, novelties, and tips; flat applique, ribbons, feathers, fruits of richly corded velvets, etc.

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